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THIS YEAR REVIEW OF THE KOMMUNISTISCHE GESELLSCHAFT UND FREIHEIT

1. The function of the KgU is to help its brothers and sisters behind the Iron Curtain. It believes that there is a will for freedom ingrained into the East Germans which the tyranny of the Soviets cannot break, as witness the uprisings of the 17th of June.

2. Thousands of people come to the Berlin offices of the KgU to ask for help and advice. Thousands more write their problems in. The KgU helps resettle those people who wish to flee the Soviet tyranny, and advises those who wish to remain in passive resistance tactics. It saves people from the clutches of the Stasi.

3. The KgU maintains a file of people who come there for help, partly as a help in getting them jobs, and partly to help sort out the genuine refugees from the planted agents.

4. The KgU advises teachers on how to counteract the Soviet propaganda they must teach in such subtle ways as not to get themselves into trouble.

5. They teach young men drafted into the VOPOs how to see to it that the Soviet orders are miscarried, especially when the order is for an arrest. It tries to publicize the work of the Free World both to the VOPOs and the Soviet soldiers themselves through press conferences and broadcasts over such regular stations as RIAS, Radio London, Sudwestfunk, etc.

6. The KgU maintains a searching service for political prisoners. They try to lighten their lot, and to help out their relatives. They inquire of escapees from prison camps about the fate of their co-sufferers and attempt to notify next of kin. It helps relatives who have not enough money to send food packages and to visit political prisoners.

7. The KgU sends leaflets into the Zone by balloons, telling the people how to deal with specific problems. These are sent from Berlin and from the West Zone.

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